

Rehabilitation

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP)
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News Update

New Rehabilitative Videos:
The Importance of
Community Reentry Programs



Now playing in adult institutions and the Division of Rehabilitative Programs intranet site are two videos (click on these links for the [offender version](#) and [staff version](#)) sharing programming options for offenders just outside the gates. Learn about services from numerous offenders who share their experiences first-hand!

350 Parolees attend Fresno Resource Fair

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Divisions of Adult Parole Operations and Rehabilitative Programs, along with WestCare California and the Butte County Office of Education recently sponsored a [parolee resource fair in Fresno](#). Employers, training programs, substance abuse and mental health treatment programs, and community educators spoke with parolees.

Delancey Street @ PVSP

San Francisco's Delancey Street Foundation provides residential rehabilitative treatment for former offenders. Representatives - all former offenders — met with inmates at Pleasant Valley State Prison (PVSP). [Click here to read more.](#)



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Lt. Kirk Geringer,
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Sharing Not Scaring: Avenal State Prison's YAAP Program Impacts At-Risk Youth

Long-term offenders at [Avenal State Prison \(ASP\)](#) mentor at-risk youth by sharing their own experiences. ASP's Youth Adult Awareness Program (YAAP) works with school districts to help teenagers make better choices and avoid criminality. Inmates conduct tours and presentations on education, risk options and gang avoidance for young adults, and the realities of prison life.

Members share the loss of privileges taken for granted in the outside world and also the loss of life experiences that help define the human condition. YAAP's approach reflects their motto: **"Sharing rather than Scaring: YAAP members encourage youth to avoid pitfalls of gang activity, alcohol, drug use, and academic ignorance. We are living the consequences."**



This program was expanded in 2010 by Larry Chavarria, ASP Community Resource Manager with support from prison management to schedule frequent tours and visits from surrounding school districts and youth programs. During the past three years, YAAP has reached 200 at-risk youth and supported local school activities and efforts.

27 members of the YAAP recently participated in State Attorney General Kamala Harris's [research on truancy and absenteeism in California public schools](#). More recently, the 2014 YAAP members (pictured above) unanimously voted to donate their entire Inmate Leisure Time Activity Group dues to a local family who endured a tragic accident.

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Today! Step Down Update

Facilitators have recently completed training to lead groups in the pilot [Step Down Program \(SDP\)](#), CDCR's voluntary, behavior-based program for [Security Threat Group](#) affiliates. These training professionals have prior experience working with high security populations and are assigned to [California Correctional Institution \(CCI\)](#), [California State Prison-Sacramento \(SAC\)](#), [California State Prison-Corcoran \(COR\)](#), and [Pelican Bay State Prison \(PBSP\)](#).

The SDP is a joint effort of the Division of Adult Institutions and the Division of Rehabilitative Programs. SDP provides housing, enhanced programs, interpersonal interactions, as well as corresponding enhancements. This multi-step program affords inmates the opportunity to "step down" from a [Security Housing Unit \(SHU\)](#) environment and be released back to general population.

Participants are evaluated and then placed in one of the SDP's five steps. As they earn their way through the program, the inmates receive greater responsibilities and privileges. Journaling about activities, accomplishments and objectives is an integral part of many of these steps. Facilitators monitor, review and motivate the participants' progress throughout the program.

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L-R (Top) Facilitators Esau Villaral (COR) and Michael Tann (CCI); (Bottom) Pat Miller (SAC) and Kathleen Nealy (PBSP)

*The right inmate in
the right program at
the right time:*

Co-located Day Reporting Centers Open in Northern California

These are great examples of collaborative efforts with community stakeholders to produce successful results.
Kevin Wortell, Associate Director, Office of Offender Services

Academic Programs

Increase inmate reading levels to minimum 9th grade level with G.E.D. and accredited college courses also available

Career Technical Education

Prepares inmates for viable vocational career paths upon release by training to industry certification levels

Cognitive Behavioral Treatment

Provides evidence-based treatment for Substance Abuse, Anger Management, Family Relationships and Criminal Thinking

Offender Mentor Certification

Trains and certifies long-term inmates as interns by California Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (CAADAC) to assist as mentors in various substance abuse treatment programs

Pre-Employment Transition

Provides job readiness skills including job search, resume, interviewing, financial skills, access to career centers

California Identification Card

Assists in obtaining state-issued I.D. cards used to secure employment, housing, bank accounts, travel, and more

Reentry Hubs

Provide relevant training and services to eligible and interested inmates within 4 years of release

Step-Down Program

Provides alternatives to criminal gang lifestyle to reduce confinement in Security Housing Units (SHU)

Long Term Offender Program

Provides evidenced-based treatment programming in criminogenic behavior to inmates serving long-term sentences

Last fall the Office of Community and Reentry Services and the **Division of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO)** entered into partnership with various community stakeholders to provide co-located services at three **Day Reporting Centers (DRC)** in Northern California. These new centers are targeted to reach the parole populations in Butte and Yolo counties once fully operational, and will also serve probationers.

Butte County

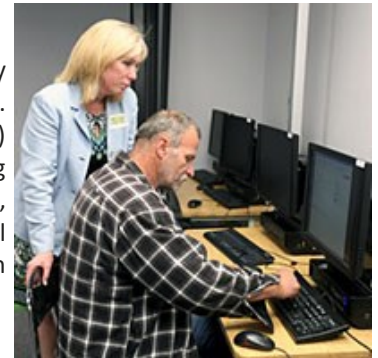
Butte County Day Reporting Centers opened in the Butte County Sheriff complex in Oroville and Chico Parole Office in October 2013. These centers, operated by Butte County Office of Education (BCOE) and Butte County Sheriff's Office, offer four phases of programming in life skills, job readiness (including computer literacy), education, and treatment (substance abuse groups and/or referrals for mental health counseling). Parolees will utilize the various phases each year to reintegrate back into their communities.

Yolo County

Similar co-located services are expanding in Yolo County, outside Sacramento. Yolo DRC (Woodland location) opened in January and currently has 109 participants, including parolees, Yolo County probationers and Yolo County Sheriff Department Electronic Monitoring participants. Yolo programs are similar to the Butte programs, but include additional General Education Development services and employment referrals. A second site (West Sacramento) opens later this Spring. Community partners include the Yolo County Probation Department, Yolo County Sheriff Department, Sacramento County Office of Education, and Yolo County Community Corrections Partnership.

Positive Impact upon Participants

Debbie Morris, BCOE Program Director, and Ted Weber, DAPO Parole Agent II, shared insights into the Oroville DRC's initial six months of operation. One of the highlights has been the change in attitude amongst participating parolees from defeat to "I can." Parolee Raymond Walker is cited as a model participant. A former long term offender (26 year incarceration), Raymond was directed to the DRC by Chico parole agent Matt Fuchs and has been assisted by staff to successfully market his own business. Raymond is a peer group leader, exhibiting constructive behavior and advising other participants on an ad hoc basis. He recently spoke to the BCOE School Board and the BCOE Leadership Conference about his experiences and the positive impact of the DRC staff and programs on his life.



Left to right: Debbie Morris, BCOE DRC Program Director; Ernesto Telly, BCOE DRC Program Coordinator; Raymond Walker, BCOE DRC Student; Matt Fuchs, Parole Agent, Chico Parole

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DRP funds a growing network of focused evidence-based Community and Reentry Services throughout California to help offenders transform their lives and successfully reintegrate into society:

Computer Literacy Learning Centers (CLLC):

Certified teachers provide computer-based courses for basic reading, writing and math

Day Reporting Centers (DRC) and Community Based Coalition (CBC):

"One Stop Shops" address parolee's needs through assessment and placement in classes and support services. Education, life skills, financial and employment training, substance abuse and counseling. Some transition housing available

Female Offender Treatment and Employment Program (FOTEP):

Gender-responsive residential treatment services for women and their children

Parolee Service Centers (PSC):

Residential programs provide group and family reunification, life, employment skills

Parolee Services Network (PSN):

Residential and Outpatient alcohol and drug treatment centers in 17 counties encourage clean and sober reintegration into society

Residential Multi-Service Centers (RSMC):

Housing, substance abuse treatment and independent living skills to help at-risk parolees transition back into the community

Substance Abuse Services Coordination Agencies (SASCA):

Community-based residential and outpatient sober-living treatment facilities in each region promote pro-social behavior that reduces potential for relapse or recidivism

Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery Program (STAR):

Certified instructors provide substance abuse treatment education in select parole offices

CTE Master Trainer Certification

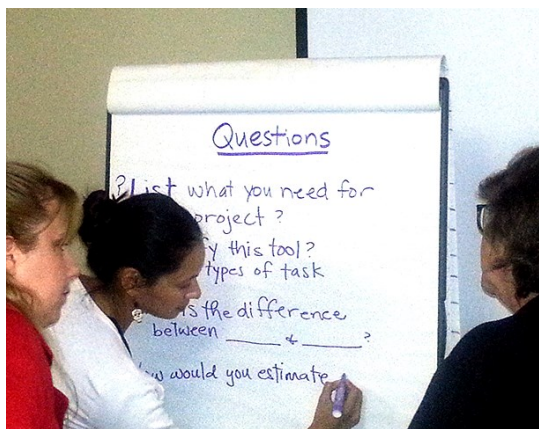
CDCR's Office of Correctional Education (OCE) provides specific **Career Technical Education (CTE)** training for CDCR School Principals and Vice Principals to mentor instructors in one or more of the following career pathways: Carpentry, Building Maintenance/Construction Technology, Electronics, Electrical Works, HVAC, Masonry, Painting, Plumbing, Sheet Metal, and Welding.

This training supports OCE curricula aligned to the **National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER)** programs operating within their schools. Principals and vice principals complete 32 hours of focused instruction to become Master Trainers who mentor, coach and support CTE teachers utilizing NCCER's curricula.

Specific teaching methodologies focused on transferring journey level skills and competency from teacher to student are shared using the NCCER program text and teaching guide. This approach is called performance-based learning.

To date, 67 principals and vice principals have been certified in 25 adult institutions. Additional NCCER Master Training classes are scheduled for Spring and Fall 2014.

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National Crime Victims Rights Week is April 6-12



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National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) is observed annually to honor crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. 2014 marks the important 30th anniversary of the passage of the 1984, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). The Crime Victims Fund was established by VOCA and provides millions of dollars annually from recovery of stolen property and offender restitution.

CDCR is one of the many agencies in the country that receives federal funding from VOCA to enhance victim services. **CDCR's Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services (OVSRS)** ensures victims' rights are met through notification and information regarding an offenders' status, collection of court ordered restitution, and attendance at parole suitability hearings. OVSRS processed more than 43,000 victim requests for notification and services in 2013.

Another OVSRS initiative is the Victim Offender Dialogue (VOD) program which facilitates a structured safe and secure face-to-face meeting between victims or their families and perpetrators in CDCR custody. Not only does the VOD help the healing and recovery process for victims, it is also an important step in the offender's own rehabilitation process.

In observance of NCVRW, on Monday, April 7, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., OVSRS is sponsoring an Information Faire in the atrium at 1515 S Street along with a "Moment of Silence" at 10:00 a.m. to honor all crime victims and survivors.

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